

The Sydney Morning Herald.

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SUMMARY.

The independent majority which it seems probable the Liberals will have over other parties has created alarm in some Nationalist circles in Ireland.

Mr. Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, states that the socialist bogey had superseded the Home Rule bogey.

He hailed the advent of the Labour members, who will be an enormous gain to the House of Commons.

They would drop visionary ideas, and be steady by responsibility.

The congratulatory messages which have reached him, particularly from those received on his election.

They believe that the elections are an antithesis to imperialism, and that they will have the effect of weakening English influence in South Africa.

The "Catholic Weekly" says that the Irish vote was cast for the Liberal party, and that the Catholic schools should not be injured by any legislation that might be passed.

Mr. Robert Finlay, Attorney-General in the last Government, has been defeated at Inverness.

The Afrikander Bond organs are jubilant at the result of the elections.

They believe that the elections are an antithesis to imperialism, and that they will have the effect of weakening English influence in South Africa.

The "Catholic Weekly" says that the Irish vote was cast for the Liberal party, and that the Catholic schools should not be injured by any legislation that might be passed.

The British Cabinet, it is stated, has resolved on the immediate granting of responsible government to the Transvaal.

This step will be announced in the King's speech at the opening of Parliament.

It is believed that the Venezuelan authorities have intercepted three important French despatches.

Three French warships are on the coast of Venezuela, awaiting the arrival of two more.

It is likely that an American warship will be sent to Venezuela.

The Russian provinces are becoming quiet.

The Russian Government has arranged to obtain from Brazil a loan of £10,000,000, repayable in 10 months.

Baron Korf, a captain in the Emperor's Guards, committed suicide in front of a platoon of soldiers, in preference to ordering the men to shoot a batch of Baltic horses.

Railway men at Moscow threaten to destroy the railway bridges in revenge for the wholesale executions.

An explosion occurred in a battery near Petropavlovsk, killing eighteen miners who were working in the mine.

One hundred and thirty-four miners were killed, and 100 others just escaped death.

Earl Beauchamp, formerly Governor of New South Wales, has been appointed A.D.C. to Queen Alexandra, in succession to Lord Belgrave.

The New Zealand footballers left London on Friday on their return home.

They were entertained on the eve of their departure by New Zealanders resident in the metropolis.

J. F. Willets, a music "pirate," was sentenced at the Old Bailey to nine months' imprisonment, on a charge of conspiracy to infringe music copyrights.

Confederates were sentenced to lesser terms of imprisonment.

At the London wool sales on Friday morning the crossbreds were very firm.

At Ryde on Saturday Hylton Wentworth Wicks, 21, shot Arthur James Hawkeford, a member of Dalgety's Wharf, and then shot himself dead.

A small five-chambered revolver was used. Both men were on the set of terms. Wicks was mentally deranged, and complaints had been made about his conduct.

Mr. Hawkeford was watering his garden when he was shot, and was attended by his two children. Owing to his serious condition no efforts were made to locate the bullet, which lodged in the head.

Extreme heat was experienced inland last week. Temperatures on Saturday ranged up to 110°.

At many towns over 110°deg. was registered.

A slight change occurred in the far western districts yesterday.

At Sydney on Saturday the maximum temperature was 83.1, and yesterday 83.3.

The 200 yards swimming championship of the State was won on Saturday by C. Healy.

A Solomon Islander murdered a boy, aged 4, at Mackay (Qld.). The child's skull was fractured.

Many of the free labourers engaged in the carrying of grain at Darling Island had to give up through exhaustion on Saturday.

Four boys at Hobart played with a revolver when four cartridges had just been introduced.

One cartridge, which was overlocked, exploded, wounding a lad named Hardy, who had a cardiac condition.

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THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE was celebrated by the German residents of Sydney and Melbourne on Saturday.

The Under-Secretary for Finance and Trade has received three £1 notes and a slip of paper on which was written "Conscience money." £1.

A little girl, Isabella Irene Steel, aged 41 years, who resided at Redfern, succumbed on Friday night, having received through her doctor's care.

George Bell, aged 50, was engaged painting the Pyrmont Bridge near the swing span on Saturday, when the span was opened to allow a vessel to pass through.

He was buried on a rough-like girder, which had wedged. His right thigh and left shoulder were fractured.

A fire which broke out at Jindera on Friday burnt out several farms. The flames spread to several stations.

At Bradgate some buildings and stock-pens were destroyed. Over 1500 sheep, including some stud animals, were lost. Yesterday the fire was burning on Kirindeen station.

The arrivals of persons in New Zealand last year exceeded the departures by over 9000.

Mr. Price, Premier of South Australia, said that he hoped that the Murray River question would be settled at the Premiers' Conference in March.

He saw no objection to Victoria taking as much water as she wanted for irrigation, so long as the works are progressing very satisfactorily.

Inconveniences have been caused at the Coolum railway yards through the scarcity of trucks to carry wheat.

The Minister for Works, Mr. Lee, visited the Grafton dam works on Friday. His chief concern resulted in a short delay.

The Sydney Sailing Club's handicap on Saturday resulted—Donnelly, 1; Vision, 2; Tammam, 3.

Fourteen boats started, and only three finished, the others succumbing to a southerly squall shortly after rounding the Lightship.

The Jerseyville Farmers' Union has protested against the proposal to have a portion of Corve holding its auction.

The Minister will be asked to stop the sale, with the view of arranging for an exchange of the area for lands adjoining small areas of Corve.

The Sydney Mining market on Saturday was quiet, and there was but very little alteration in prices.

A conference in support of the North Coast railway was opened at Kempsley on Saturday.

At the V.A.T.C. races at Caulfield on Saturday, Northwood won two events.

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At reasonable rates.

By order of the Commissioners.

(T-17) H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

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A frequent service of Trams will be run to the Sydney Cricket Ground from Circular Quay and the Hallway Institute, commencing at 6.50 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT, 1905.

GREAT FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

Mechanical Devices, Performing Elephants, etc.

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BEST DISPLAY YET GIVEN AT THE EXHIBITION.

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JANUARY 26 AND 27.

FIRST DAY, FRIDAY, 26TH JANUARY.

THE STAKES 1 mile, 12.30 p.m.

THE 1st NURSERY HANDICAP, 5 furlongs, 1.10 p.m.

LUNCHEON.

THE CORINTHIAN HANDICAP, 1 mile, 2.15 p.m.

THE CHALLENGE STAKES, 6 furlongs, 3 p.m.

THE JANUARY HANDICAP, 1 mile and a quarter, 2.30 p.m.

THE WELTER HANDICAP, 7 furlongs, 4.15 p.m.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, 27TH JANUARY.

THE NOVICE HANDICAP, 1 mile, 1.30 p.m.

LUNCHEON.

THE FLYING HANDICAP, 6 furlongs, 2.30 p.m.

THE PEGASUS HANDICAP, 7 furlongs, 4.30 p.m.

THE ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP, 1 mile and a half, 4.45 p.m.

THE 2nd NURSERY HANDICAP, 6 furlongs, 4.30 p.m.

THE HIGH WEIGHT HANDICAP, 1 mile, 4.45 p.m.

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T. S. CLARKE, Secretary.

NOTICE.

'Trainer' and 'Jockey' Tickets will be issued on Thursday, 26th January, up to 4 p.m.

20/-

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FIRST RACE, 2 P.M.

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has been dissolved, and that the same will be
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The partners, GEORGE THOMAS ATTWOOD,
will continue to carry on the business under
the style of G. T. ATTWOOD and will make all
arrangements due to and by the late firm of G. &
C. Attwood.
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period of time which Robert George Watkin-
son, was elected, and that the name of the
Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Com-
pany is the previous of the Sydney Corporation
Amendment Act 1895.—ARTHUR M. MCNAUL,

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WALTER TAYLOR, Late Mayor and Returning
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NOTES POLICY.

It is the intention of the Society on or after the
first day of February next, to open its offices at
228 Pitt-street, Sydney, on the life of ANGUS
GUNN MATTHEWS, which is declared to have been
Date at Sydney the 1st January, 1906.

ROBERT H. CAMERON,
Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICE. VISITORS TO THE A.N.A. EXHIBITION
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For details see our Circular.

FRANK G. HICKY, Manager.

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18th January, 1906.

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PIANOS—M. G. Williams, 2s 6d. Gordon's, 2s 6d

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Mail Notices See Page 8.

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ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY
FIRE PREMIUMS NET, 1904, £2,995,666 3d 9d.
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APPLICATIONS FOR AGENCIES INVITED.

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT IN BYLAWS.

A ballot having been called for in connection with an amendment proposed by Mr. Gerald R. Campbell on the resolution submitted by the Hon. A. W. Meekins on behalf of the Board, a ballot upon such amendment will take place at the Society's Head Office, 74 Pitt-street, Sydney, as follows:

The ballot will be open for personal voting between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday, 22nd Inst.

Members who have given proxies need not attend to vote in person.

Ballots will be issued to all members not present.

All proxy votes must be delivered to the ballot box before 5 o'clock p.m. on Monday, 22nd Inst.

The ballot will be open for proxy voting only between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 23rd Inst.

The result of the ballot will be declared at the adjourned Special Meeting to be held in the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, Pitt-street, Sydney, at 2 o'clock p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 24th Inst.

HENRY F. CAMERON,
Secretary.

DEATHS.

BARDEN.—January 14, 1906, at his residence, Corryong, aged 60 years. Son of James and Elizabeth Barden, deceased.

BELLO.—January 20, at Orleton, Narvan, Harriet Bell, aged 60 years.

BHANIGAN.—January 21, at the Plaza, Randwick, Daniel O'Hanick, of Brisbane, Queensland, to Kathleen Lismore, eldest daughter of Robert L. Moore, Anglican.

BOYD.—January 21, at his residence, 25 Cambridge-street, Roselle, Balmain, Jane, dearly loved wife of Henry Cooper, aged 39 years. New Zealand papers please quote.

COOPER.—January 19, at her residence, 25 Cambridge-street, Roselle, Balmain, Jane, dearly loved wife of Henry Cooper, aged 39 years. New Zealand papers please quote.

DYKE.—January 19, 1906, at his residence, Bengal House, Rose-street, Darlington, Martin Doyle, aged 52 years.

KINGSTON.—January 19, Edna Peter, youngest daughter of John and Harriett Kingston, aged 19 years.

LAWRENCE.—Passed away, on January 20th, 1906, at his residence, Miller Villa, Park-road, Burwood, Clements Lawer, aged 84 years.

LITTLEJOHN.—January 20, at Haslebury, Elizabeth Littlejohn, youngest son of David Littlejohn, after a long and weary illness, aged 42. At rest. (Private interment.) New Zealand papers please quote.

ROBERT.—January 19, at her residence, 25 Cambridge-street, Roselle, Balmain, Jane, dearly loved wife of Henry Cooper, aged 39 years. New Zealand papers please quote.

SYDNEY.—January 19, 1906, at his residence, Bengal House, Rose-street, Darlington, Martin Doyle, aged 52 years.

THOMAS.—January 19, Edna Peter, youngest daughter of John and Harriett Kingston, aged 19 years.

WILSON.—Passed away, on January 20th, 1906, at his residence, Miller Villa, Park-road, Burwood, Clements Lawer, aged 84 years.

YOUNG.—January 20, at Haslebury, Elizabeth Littlejohn, youngest son of David Littlejohn, after a long and weary illness, aged 42. At rest. (Private interment.) New Zealand papers please quote.

ZACHARIAH.—January 19, at her residence, 25 Cambridge-street, Roselle, Balmain, Jane, dearly loved wife of Henry Cooper, aged 39 years. New Zealand papers please quote.

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IN MEMORIAM.

BREWER.—In old and loving memory of my dear mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, who died at Forest Lodge, aged 74 years. Gone, but not forgotten. Inscribed by his sorrowing wife and daughter.

CALDWELL.—In old and loving memory of our dearly loved son and brother, William Henry, who departed this life January 19, 1906, at his residence, 25 Cambridge-street, Roselle, Balmain, aged 25 years.

CHARLES.—In old and loving memory of our dearly loved son and brother, William Henry, who departed this life January 19, 1906, at his residence, 25 Cambridge-street, Roselle, Balmain, aged 25 years.

COOPER.—In old and loving memory of our dearly loved son and brother, William Henry, who departed this life January 19, 1906, at his residence, 25 Cambridge-street, Roselle, Balmain, aged 25 years.

DAVIES.—In old and loving memory of our dear father, David, who departed this life January 19, 1906, at his residence, 25 Cambridge-street, Roselle, Balmain, aged 84 years. In memory of his wife, James Flood and Joe, H. Wainwright. Rest in peace.

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GENERAL ELECTION.

LIBERALS INDEPENDENT

OF NATIONALIST AID.

TORY ATTORNEY-GENERAL REJECTED.

COMMONS' GAIN FROM LABOUR.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

The Liberal party so far has in the new House of Commons an absolute majority of 16 over all other parties combined, a fact which is causing some disquietude among Nationalist circles in Ireland, where it was hoped to squeeze the Ministry.

On Friday Sir Robert Finlay, Attorney-General in Mr. Balfour's Government, was defeated for Inverness by a Liberal. Mr. Lloyd George, President of the Board of Trade, and Mr. Lewis Harcourt, First Commissioner of Works, have been returned. Mr. A. Akers Douglas, the ex-Home Secretary, is one of the few prominent ex-Ministers who have escaped re-election.

STATE OF PARTIES.

Latest available returns show that the state of parties is:-	
Liberals	241
Labour	41
Nationalists	77
Conservatives and Unionists	107
Total	466
Yet to be elected	204

LIBERAL GAINS.

LEOMINSTER (Hereford).—LAMB (L.)
EDDINGTON (Cheshire).—STANLEY (L.)
ROXBURGHSHIRE.—Sir J. JARDINE (L.)
SOMERSET NORTH.—W. H. BATEMAN HOPE (L.)
BRIDGWATER (Somerset).—H. MONTGOMERY (L.)
NEWBURY (Berks).—MACKARNES (L.)
BIGGEWSWADE (Bedfordshire).—BLACK (L.)
CHELTENHAM (Surrey).—F. J. MARMAN (L.)
ENFIELD (Middlesex).—BRANCH (L.)
SUDBURY (Suffolk).—ARMSTRONG (L.)
TUNBRIDGE (Kent).—HEDGES (L.)
MALDON (Essex).—BUTHELL (L.)
HUNTINGDON. WHITBREAD (L.)
MELTON (Leicestershire).—WALKER (L.)
PEMBROKE and HAVERFORD WEST.—PHILLIPS (L.)
BASSETT LAW (Nottinghamshire).—FRANK NEWNES (L.)
CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—ESSEX (L.)
DENHAG (Distr.).—C. EDWARD (L.)
NORFOLK SOUTH-WEST.—R. WINFREY (L.)
MACCLESFIELD.—W. B. BROCKLEHURST (L.)
BENFREREWSHIRE WEST.—Sir T. GLEN COATES (L.)
MONTGOMERY (Distr.).—REES (L.)
PERTHSHIRE WEST.—ERKINNE (L.)
KIRKCUDBRIGHTSHIRE.—ME MICKING (L.)
INVERNESS BURGHS.
ANAND BRYCE (L.) 2404
Sir R. Finlay (L.) 1740
Majority for Bryce, 658.
FAVERSHAM (Kent).—NAPIER (L.)
WOODSTOCK (Oxfordshire).—BENNETT (L.)
BUCKINGHAM.—VERNEY (L.)
ESKDALE (Cumberland).—HOWARD (L.)
DUMFRIES.—MOLTELLO (L.)
SELKIRK and PEEBLES.—The MASTER of ELIBURN (L.)

LIBERALS RE-ELECTED.

BERWICKSHIRE.—H. J. TENNANT (L.)
DORSET NORTH.—A. W. WILLIS (L.)

LICHFIELD (Stafford).—T. C. T. WARNER (L.)
HOLMFIRTH (Yorks., W. R.).—H. J. WILSON (L.)

STOUR (Gloucester).—C. P. ALLEN (L.)

CARDIGAN.—M. V. DAVIES (L.)
LANCASTER.—N. W. HELME (L.)

LETTI BURGHS.—R. C. M. FERGUSSON (L.)

THE EYE (Suffolk).—F. S. STEVENSON (L.)

CARNARVON.—D. LLOYD-GEORGE (L.)

SOWERBY (Yorkshire, W. R.).—J. S. HIGHMAN (L.)

NORFOLK SOUTH.—A. W. SOAMES (L.)

SPEN VALLEY (Yorkshire, W. R.).—T. P. WHITTAKER (L.)

ROSSENDALE (Lanc., N.E.).—L. HARCOURT (L.)

ANGLESEY.—E. J. GRIFFITH (L.)

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—C. GRANT (L.)

DURHAM N.W.—L. ATHERLY JONES (L.)

PRESTWICK (Lanc., S.E.).—F. CAWLEY (L.)

PUDSEY (Yorkshire, W.R.).—G. WHITELEY (L.)

DERBYSHIRE (Mid.).—J. A. JACOBY (L.)

LABOUR GAINS.

NORTHAMPTON, NORTHERN.—NICHOLLS (Lab.).

INCE (Lancaster).—S. WALSH (Lab.)

DARTFORD (Kent).—ROWLANDS (Lab.). 632

Sir W. Hart-Dyke (C.) 6723

Majority for Rowlands, 2008

UNIONIST GAINS.

RYE (Sussex).—COURTHOPE (U.)
Represented in the last Parliament since March, 1868, by a Liberal, previously a Conservative.

BARKSTON ASH (Yorkshire, W. R.).—LANE FOX (U.)

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—MAGNUS (U.)

Sir Michael Foster was elected a Conservative in 1900, but on account of the education policy of the Conservative Government he joined the Liberals.

ST. ANDREW.—GRAY (U.)

Represented from September, 1903, by a Liberal, previously represented by a Conservative.

AYH (Dist.).—G. YOUNGER (C.)

Represented from January, 1904, by a Liberal, previously represented by a Conservative.

FLINT (Dist.).—H. EDWARD (C.)

RE-ELECTED.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—Sir F. C. RASCH (C.)

BELFAST SOUTH.—T. H. SLOAN (C.)

HAMPSHIRE N.—A. F. JEFFREYS (C.)

TOTNES (Devon).—F. B. MILDWAY (U.)

CHORLEY (Lancashire).—LORD BALCAIRNS (C.)

HEETS (Hertford).—A. B. SMITH (C.)

ANTRIM EAST.—Col. J. McCALMONT (C.)

JOHNCASTLE (Lincolnshire).—Lord WILLUGHBY DE ERESBY (C.)

ASHFORD (Kent).—H. HARDY (C.)

UXBRIDGE (Middlesex).—Sir F. D. DIXON-HARTLAND (C.)

EPPING (Essex).—Col. A. LOCKWOOD (C.)

BEWDLEY (Worcester).—A. BALDWYN (C.)

ST. AUGUSTINE.—A. AKERS DOGLAS (C.)

TAMWORTH (Warwickshire).—Sir P. A. MUNDT (C.)

WIDNES.—Col. W. H. WALKER (C.)

MIDWAY (Kent).—Col. C. E. WARDE (C.)

THE NATIONALISTS.

BELFAST WEST.

J. DEVLIN (N.). 4138

Smiley (U.) 4122

Carlisle (L.) 153

Majority for Devlin, 16.

A gain for the Nationalists, previously represented by Mr. Arnold Foster (L.-U.).

TYRONE NORTH.—DODD (N.)

Represented in the last Parliament by a Liberal.

TYRONE MID.—GEORGE MURNAUGHAN (N.), unopposed.

KILKENNY NORTH.—JOSEPH DEVLIN (N.), unopposed.

MAYO EAST.—JOHN DILLON (N.), unopposed.

CORK COUNTY WEST.—JAMES GILHOOLY (unopposed).

ARMAGH SOUTH.—W. McKILLOP (unopposed).

MONAGHAN NORTH.—O'HARA (unopposed).

LEIX (Queens County).—MEEHAN (unopposed).

WESTMEATH NORTH.—GINNELL (unopposed).

CAVAN EAST.—SAMUEL YOUNG (N.), unopposed.

MEATH NORTH.—PATRICK WHITE (N.), unopposed.

GALWAY SOUTH.—W. J. DUFFY (N.), unopposed.

CONNEMARA (Galway).—W. O'MALLEY (N.), unopposed.

CORK SOUTH.—E. BARRY (N.), unopposed.

OSORY (Queen's County).—W. P. DELANY (N.), unopposed.

KILKENNY SOUTH.—J. OMARA (N.), unopposed.

TIPPERARY (Mid.).—K. O'BRIEN (N.), unopposed.

MAYO SOUTH.—J. O'DONNELL (N.), unopposed.

DONEGAL WEST.—H. A. LAW (N.), unopposed.

PARTIES UNCHANGED.

In the undivided election returns there has been a change in the personnel of the representation, but no change in the parties.

STAMFORD (Lancashire).—Lord JOHN JOICEY-CECIL (C.)

ABERDEEN WEST.—HENDERSON (L.)

HILL (L.)

ASHLEY (Lancashire N.).—W. W. ARKLEY (C.)

FETHERSTONHAUGH (U.). 2419

E. Mitchell (Russell). 2321

Majority for Fetherstonhaugh, 88.

ADVENT OF LABOUR.

STEADIED BY RESPONSIBILITIES.

WELCOMED BY MR. ASQUITH.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

Mr. H. H. Asquith, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a speech at St. Andrews yesterday, said that the socialist bogey had now superseded the Home Rule bogey.

He told the advent of the Labour members,

who would be an enormous gain to the House of Commons, where they would learn to realise the complex organisation of the body politic, and unless he had done so well in his work he had

done so well in his time, and earned his promotion to Cabinet rank 10 years ago.

Conservatives will have learnt with relief that one of Mr. Balfour's prominent Cabinet Ministers is safe. This is Mr. Akeroyd, the ex-House Secretary, who sat for East Retford 1880-5, and for the St. Augustine's division ever since. Mr. Akeroyd was a black sheep in his time, and earned his promotion to Cabinet rank 10 years ago.

Another Minister whose return is announced this morning is Mr. Lewis Harcourt, First Commissioner of Works. It will not be denied that Mr. Harcourt over his rapid advancement—he was first elected in 1904—to the fact that he is the son of the late Sir William Harcourt, the principal leader of the Liberal party.

But, Sir William Harcourt, who has

been a resident of Embold, which, by the way, he represents in the Middlesex County Council. In 1890 he was re-elected by 8000 to 3600, and the Liberals might well have hesitated before seeking a repetition of the experience. Mr. J. Branch, however, diligently nursed the constituency, and has his reward in winning the seat for the party.

Mr. Lloyd George, President of the Board of Trade, who has just been returned for Cararvon, which he has represented since 1890, is 42 years old, and is therefore older than his predecessor.

He is a member of the Cabinet. Half

of Lord Balfour's cabinet is now

represented in the House of Commons.

Mr. Asquith denied that the Liberals had conducted the campaign with mendacity and passion. They won because the people preferred plain, common sense, uncoloured facts of history, to gaudy fictitious tariff propaganda. The Liberals did not desire Mr. Chamberlain's ideal of self-supporting, self-contained Empire. It would better to encourage the freest commercial intercourse between the nations.

THE IRISH VOTE.

The "Catholic Weekly" states that the Irish vote in England and Scotland was cast for the Liberal candidates on the distinct understanding that English Roman Catholic schools should not be injured by any legislation that might be passed.

LABOUR GAINS.

NORTHAMPTON, NORTHERN.—NICOLL (Lab.).

INCE (Lancaster).—S. WALSH (Lab.)

DARTFORD (Kent).—ROWLANDS (Lab.). 632

Majority for Rowlands, 2008

NATIONALISTS ALARMED.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

The independent majority which it seems probable the Liberals will have

FIRE IN A CHEMISTS SHOP.

A fire occurred on Saturday evening in a chemist's shop, 70 Castle Street, Woolwich, run by the Sedgman Company, Limited.

The outbreak, which was a workshop in the rear of the premises, was caused by a lighted cigarette.

The fire was extinguished by the fire brigade.

The damage to the fittings and stock is estimated at £1000, and the building, in conjunction with an adjoining structure, was covered to the extent of £1000.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A moderate amount of business was effected on "Change" on Saturday morning. Bank of N.S.W. shares further advanced 4c. and others' offers for Commercial Banking Co., Australian Coal, Manly Gas, Castlereagh and Wood Bros. were quoted. Farmers' and Shipping companies were quoted. Dalgety and Co. Ltd., and Sydney Hydraulic were both up. The following movements were reported:—Early: The Bank of New South Wales, 5c. 7d.; Later: Swan Brewery (W.A.), 5c. 7d.; Tooth and Co., 2s. 6d.; National Wool, 5s. 3d.; Closing quotations were:—

Company	Capital paid up	Shareholders Fund £s.	Last Div.	Buy.	Sale.	Price.	Per cent.
INDIA, A. F. C.	4,000,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, L. & T.	1,500,175	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, M. & C.	2,000,150	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, P. & C.	4,000,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. B. & C.	500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. D. & C.	1,500,700	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. E. & C.	3,000,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. F. & C.	500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. G. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. H. & C.	2,000,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. I. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. J. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. K. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. L. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. M. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. N. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. O. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. P. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. R. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. S. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. V. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. W. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. X. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. Y. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. Z. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. A. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. B. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. C. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. D. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. E. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. F. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. G. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. H. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. I. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. J. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. K. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
INDIA, T. L. & C.	1,500,000	100	100	100	100	100	100
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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

SPURRING THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

The conditions under which the Minister for Agriculture will grant an additional £2 in the £ to the agricultural societies will cause a flutter among the committees of these bodies. For years people who hold that an agricultural society is nothing more than a session when it has carried out one show in each year have been hammering away at the subject. A programme similar to that indicated in the conditions attached to the granting of the half-crown subsidy has been most popular with those who adopted increasing the scope of the operations of the societies as a kind of mission. To arrange for carrying out field experiments has in theory been regarded as one of the principal objects of the model agricultural society. In practice it is hardly ever honoured in the observance, and the committees with which I have had to do mainly of a spasmodic nature, the society beginning with excellent intentions and very quickly discovering that men giving their services to public bodies can devote only a certain time to their honorary duties. Some enthusiasts are found who are comfortably placed and have plenty of spare time on their hands, whilst there are others, and it could be wished there were more of them, who give up to the service of the community in which they live time and energy which they cannot afford to waste, and for whom the societies must, on their behalf, class as the societies must depend to carry out field experiments, and both are apt to tire of such very monotonous, interesting occupation. Possibly it may be said that the societies should pay men to work the land and other superior men to manage the work, but the half-crown subsidy would not go very far in that direction. Very few country societies are in a position to pay for ploughing the land and sowing the seeds, and if they elected to carry out the experiments on the lines likely to be directed by the agricultural societies, it would be seen to face in fact with a financial problem. They would have to, on the one side half-a-crown in the £, which is already very badly needed to carry on the ordinary operations of the year, and on the other some expensive work which would secure them the half-crown and at the same time make a very large hole in the coin.

The Minister was on a better wicket when he introduced the regulations providing that papers should be read and discussions among farmers instituted by the societies. This also is a very old proposition which has been adopted by some societies in this State. The Local Agricultural Association held its annual meeting at its headquarters in Maitland and very useful papers have been read by farmers. The Albury association, and also the Pambula and a few others, have carried out similar arrangements, but there has been no regular practice of the principle by the bulk of the societies. These meetings help to draw producers together, and ideas are freely exchanged on the subject of the paper of the evening and on other matters. That each society should induce six dairy farmers to keep the records of their herds in detail and supply them through the society's office is a very wise regulation, and one which has been adopted in all the dairying districts. How it is to be complied with in districts which do not boast herds kept for the purpose of producing milk and cream as a source of revenue is not at all apparent. To arrange for a lecture or explanatory statement suitable for school children to be delivered to a perambulating class at each show is, of course, a very laudable object, but it may be said that every society which carries the regulation into effect will earn that half-crown very thoroughly. The last regulation is undoubtedly the best of all, and the Minister may be congratulated on his efforts to get the societies to follow a system of co-operation in breeding operations which has proved very effective in older countries. This regulation provides that each society should arrange for the services of a bull or a stallion to be at the command of farmers at a nominal fee. The effect of this should be to promote the inauguration of breeders' societies. It would be impossible to secure the services of any stallion from which farmers should be allowed to breed at the fee of £1 stipulated for by the regulation. Unless the farmers contributed to purchase a stallion, the society could not possibly provide a good horse at the price stated. The intention of the Minister is excellent, but the whole scheme demands revision by some men who thoroughly understand the possibilities of agricultural societies. Unless this is done the half-crown inducement to these bodies to enlarge their operations in five new directions is likely to prove a very severe frost.

THE QUEENSLAND SEASON.

The recent midsummer rains meant a lot to all classes of landholders in Queensland. Prior to the fall a drought was threatening large areas with disastrous losses. Feed was scarce, water low, and stock, although healthy, very much reduced in condition. Now, however, the outlook is much brighter, and most districts report good crops. The sun has again hit, but the experienced latitudes are followed often by further downpours, and should that be the case this season Queensland is in a good time. How had the situation been in the central districts may be judged by recent reports from Longreach. During the 12 months about 550,000 sheep, 14,000 cattle, and 1,300 horses were removed from the Winton country to relief pastures at heavy expense and considerable loss.

Mr. H. G. Day writes: "At Winton, after the first fall at the end of the year gave Winton another inch and three-quarters. The country immediately about Longreach got very little, but several of the stations further out got between two and three inches, and some of the creeks have been running freely. 'Inestimable good' is the phrase local people use to express the result of the fall. Stock removals have ceased, and the tramps are gone. Men's clothes are well filled. At Winton, after the first fall, rain is still badly needed. The season has been the driest for 22 years, many runs have not had more than three inches for the 12 months. Horse teams have been unable to travel, and the handy camel has been used for most of the loading. Nevertheless stock has stood out remarkably well, probably because most of the holders entered the season with a comparatively light number of heads. The weather has been in a deplorable state before the rain, but owners look forward to a good season."

Clement had fine rains in November and useful showers in December, but the havoc of the drought is vividly expressed in a sentence from a recent report that 'the occurrence of so many abandoned runs in the district proved a boon to travelling stock, and was fully availed of.' Further south, Charleville has had a terribly trying winter, a scarcely dry winter, and a severe one, a winter which has driven the Cunnamulla sand to be in a far worse state than Charleville. Maranoa, the great district to the west of Darling Downs, had rain in December, and Roma registered 16.89 in for the year. But further south and round about Surat, water is still wanted, and the stock has not been returned from the relief country. Towards the coast benedictus appear to have been general. The early maize and potato crops are about Toowoomba were largely a failure, and farmers, despairing of a great deal of the wheat and barley, turned the latter into stock to eat. The winter wheat had a very harsh time. The general rain lately, however, completely altered the face of the country; the late maize and potato crops are now promising well, and is a plentiful right through to Warwick. The feature of reports of most Queensland districts is the reference to the advance of dairying. Widely scattered centres report a general advance in methods, the introduction of good milking strains, and the improvement in pastures.

ITEMS.

Inventors all the world over long ago realised what a promising field for their endeavours lay in the improvement of farm machinery. A glance through a list of recent inventions illustrates the great modern movement towards labour-saving appliances. Fertiliser distributors, both simple and combined with grain drills, are very numerous. Combinations of potato-digger and the seed sowing machine, and recent inventions have been patented in each of these. An interesting book could be written on all the hopes and disappointments in connection with the potato-digger alone. An American now aspires to pick fruit by machinery, while the further advancement of the binder-knitter was attempted by the potato-digger. Another, a contrivance for topping beetroot, a pea and clover harvester, and a poultry-feeding machine. It is rather fortunate for the man who depends on his hands for a living that so many inventors' dreams and designs end in smoke.

The generally despised goat has recently received a lot of attention in various parts of the world as a money-winner. In England there has been much discussion as to the part goats might play in the milk supply, and in Australia and elsewhere some notice has been given to the Angora as the producer of wool and mohair. Some rules are not slow in matter of the sort. Thus, was the opinion of Dr. C. D. Smead, in the "New York Tribune Farmer," of interest. After referring to the goat's accommodating appetite he remarks:—"Whether a Texas goat would be liable to attack your trading vessels, I am unable to say. Angoras and the milk goats are to be found in plenty in Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York, and perhaps other States. They will, I suppose, be most interesting to the dairyman who desires to keep goats for, keep a dairy cow. The keeping of goats for milk in this country to any extent is a good many years away. A new people will be born before there will be demand for the milk of the goat. I think the Angora goat may reach some degree of prominence as a producer of mohair, and some people will be interested. The goat for milk will be like the ginseng for the Chinese market. The fellow that makes the money will be the one who raises the plants and sells them to the other fellow; but John Chapman is not hawking very much for American ginseng; neither are Americans hawking very much for a drink of goat's milk. They are not built that way."

The advent of the Victorian fruitgrower on irrigation areas, 10 or 15 years ago quickly removed the gloom of the Melbourne market with summer fruit. Hope of money was lost in Mildura and less concern about the Goulburn Valley. Many hopeful young Englishmen, and a large number of Victorians, including a small army who fled from Melbourne in the financial crash of the early nineties, took to fruitgrowing though it was the safest and simplest and most lucrative of rural pursuits. At that time Victoria grew comparatively little fruit, and these enterprising people made their calculations upon prevailing prices. They were quickly disillusioned. Their experience was a bitter one. Many sold out at a heavy loss, and those who struggled on have been content with a small return for a great deal of highly skilled labour. Many, of course, failed to reach following financial and temporal reverses. In recent years they have kept going by the use of up-to-date methods, and the production of fruit of a high standard, with the development of drying, canning, and wine-making, on a scale that relieves the immediate market for the ripe product. The general belief of the Victorian grower is that they only need to improve their methods and the development of the export trade, a close study of the Victorian irrigation colonies will repay those who take an interest in the proposals to embark upon extensive fruit-growing by irrigation in this State.

For a cheap, effective wash for lice on pigs, the following is recommended by an exchange:—Two bars of common laundry soap, shaved finely and dissolved in a gallon of water. Add two gallons of kerosene and thoroughly. Use in spray pump, apply with an old broom. Three or four applications to the pigs and styes on alternate days should destroy the pest. People owning a pig suffering from a cough are advised to raise the animal on his hind feet, and as he squeals pour half a cupful of pine tar down his throat, being careful not to choke him." Whether effective or not, this remedy if applied to a big pig should afford a certain amount of entertainment.

Mr. A. Hopkins, of 60 Charlotte-street, Ashfield, writes:—I have a strange freak if I may so call it) growing in my yard in the shape of a peach tree. It appears to be a seedling, the root system is well developed, and the tree is a large one, and a prolific bearer. The tree is now dotted over with neartunes on different limbs; in fact, in one instance a peach was touching a neartune. I can see no way account for this, as it is a hybrid it would only affect the seeds, that is judging by hybridizing flowers. Some of your readers may account for this. Any person who wishes may see the tree.

RABBITS AND PHOSPHORUS.

Mr. Humphry Day writes:—Several districts, reported from different parts of the country, are in the appalling danger to which the producing interests of the whole interior are exposed during dry summers when grass is abundant. From the time that the grass was eaten was not justified; nor were they the cause of outbreaks of fire to the extent of a lot more than 100,000 acres. The fires, however, have been suppressed, or supposed to have been, traced to poisoned rations, setting grass on fire. I say from half a life's close observation that the result of this is a total solution, and mixed phosphorus will never ignite.

The real cause of fire is now known to have been a dastardly and criminal act of a notorious bandit, who is worse than murderers, and I suggest that a sufficiently deterrent punishment be adopted for this crime at once.

Mr. W. V. Miller, of Goulburn, writes:—At a special meeting of the Farmers' Association, held on Saturday a resolution was carried protesting against the proposed sale of 517 acres of land on Coree hill, near this town, by the Minister of Agriculture. The Association also decided that the Minister be asked to stop the sale, with the view of arranging for an exchange of the area for lands adjoining all settlers on the eastern side of Coree.

DAIRYING INDUSTRY.

TUMBERUMBA.—At a meeting of the shareholders of the Wolseley Park Cheese Factory, the following directors were elected:—Messrs. A. A. Abbott, A. J. Hall, C. H. Hill, D. McIntosh, J. McAuliffe, and J. Eisenhour. This factory will be in full working order by the end of the month with a staff of 150.

WINSTON.—Stannas Park, a large estate at Lower Wilberforce, is to be subdivided and sold as farm and dairy blocks.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

TENTERFIELD.—At a meeting of the committee of the Agricultural Society, by resolution that the Tenterfield district should send a representative exhibit to Bangalore show, Richmond River, in March, was favourably received, and a sub-committee was appointed to consider the preparation of the exhibit. The Tenterfield Agricultural Society would have to be carried by teams to Casino.

CROPS AND PASTURES.

PARRAMATTA.—A great deal of damage has been done by the heat. Plants were badly scalded, and the grape crop also suffered, a good deal of the fruit being fairly boiled.

THE RABBIT PEST.

GOODOGGA.—The destruction of rabbit continues on a large scale, and there is no sign of progress that no steps are taken to combat destruction on the common. There are

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Supervisors, but by men acquainted with local conditions; that the risks of acquisition brought about otherwise would be minimised by the variety of the industries with which the supervisor concerned was familiar. The climatic conditions throughout the country; that employment in farm work would not entitle the husbandman to a military disability, burdened by severe restrictions on the part of the Government; and that it would be possible to secure such diversity of climate, and of employment, as would bring about an advancement as might justify the shrewdest men in deciding to throw in their lot with Australia.

LAND FOR OUR OWN PEOPLE.

Mr. H. T. Parish, of Croydon, writes:

When the Lands Commission was making its notorious inquiries recently, one fact was vividly impressed on readers of the evidence of the "Herald." That was how frequently the urgent application of the Farmers and Settlers' Association to the granting of many of the improvement leases was ignored, and little or nothing done to assist the members of the Association.

LITCHFIELD.—Rabbit-hunting has great destruction to oat crops in the Oberon district. In some paddocks, acres of oats have been eaten by the pest.

THE HARVEST.

CHATSWORTH ISLAND.—The sugar cane crop is showing signs of phenomenal growth, the season being highly favourable.

Visitors to the Clarence saw the district never looked better, it being a mass of green vegetation.

COOLAMON, Friday.

Through the scarcity of trucks, much inconvenience is caused at the railway yards.

ALL THE WAY IS ATTEMPTED.

WILBERFORCE.—Oats crops in this district are almost a failure, owing to the recent dry weather. Land usually cutting one ton to the acre has only yielded five tons to 23 acres.

WAGGA.—

—In the Illabo district seven bags

of grain have been got at several places.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

SINGLES.—Messrs. H. York and Sons

offered by auction two of the most productive farms on the Hunter River, eight miles from Cessnock, area of 100 acres, and containing 100 acres of each farm being 85 acres.

Both farms were purchased by Mr. W. F. Griffin of Sedgfield, at £18 per acre.

PEAK HILL.—

Mr. W. Arthur and Sons

have sold their Peak Hill property to Mr. G. C. Mathews, of the Plains, at Trundle, comprising 3000 acres; also Mr. Cloke's Benambra estate adjoining, which consists of 5120 acres.

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PLAKES.—

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